SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE HARBORS DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION TO INFORM THE MARITIME COMMUNITY OF THE
PROCEDURES TO BE TAKEN IN PREPARATION OF A STORM AND ASSIST
THE MARITIME COMMUNITY WITH SUBMITTING THEIR APPLICATION
FOR A MARITIME HEAVY WEATHER AND HURRICANE PLAN.

WHEREAS, the State's well-being is dependent on the efficient administration, development, management, and operation of its ten commercial harbors and commercial maritime infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, being able to return the commercial harbors to normal operational conditions immediately after any storm is vital to the survival of the community and critical in any storm recovery; and

WHEREAS, the Harbors Division of the Department of Transportation is responsible for applying all its resources to the safety of the maritime community and immediate restoration of maritime operations; and

WHEREAS, the Harbors Division has established a maritime heavy weather and hurricane plan application procedure for vessels seeking safe refuge in a commercial harbor during abnormal weather conditions; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2019, that the Harbors Division of the Department of Transportation is requested to inform the maritime community about its heavy weather and hurricane plan and make every effort to assist the maritime community in fulfilling the necessary procedures to submit a complete application for a heavy weather and hurricane plan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Harbors Division is requested to conduct informational meetings on the islands of

Hawaii, Kauai, Maui, and Oahu to inform the maritime community of the necessary procedures to be taken in preparation of a storm; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Harbors Division is requested to submit a list of vessels that have submitted a maritime heavy weather and hurricane plan application to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2020; and

 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Transportation and Deputy Director of the Harbors Division of the Department of Transportation.